

REMARKS

In the Official Action, the Examiner set forth two provisional "obviousness-type" double patenting rejections over certain claims of pending U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/080,654 and pending U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/230,700. Although applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's assessment, provided herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer which disclaims the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration of the full statutory term of any patent granted on the '654 application. Thus, the first double patenting rejection is believed to be rendered moot.

As to the second double rejection, applicants have not filed a Terminal Disclaimer and do not concede the propriety of the rejection. However, pursuant to the provisions of MPEP §804 I.B., since this is the sole rejection remaining in the present application and since the present application has a U.S. filing date that is prior to the '700 application, withdrawal of the sole rejection and allowance of the present application are believed to be in order.

Since only editorial revisions have been made in the specification and since all matters raised in the Official Action have been met, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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